

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Device for bending the rolls in a rolling stand comprising several rolls with the use of bending blocks, which are mounted at the run-in end and the runout end between the roll chocks and the housing windows and can be acted upon by control elements, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein a piston-cylinder (7) is assigned to the bending blocks (5, 5a) of one of the mill housings (6), and a vertical positioning mechanism (10) is assigned to the bending blocks (5', 5a') of the opposite mill housing (6').
2. (Currently Amended) Device in accordance with Claim 1, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein a roll change position can be vertically adjusted by the vertical positioning mechanism (10).
3. (Currently Amended) Device in accordance with ~~Claim 1 or Claim 2,~~ Claim 1, wherein the piston-cylinder (7) comprises a piston (8) mounted in one of the bending blocks (5) and a connecting rod (9) to the other bending block (5a).

4. (Currently Amended) Device in accordance with ~~any of Claims 1 to 3, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein the vertical positioning mechanism (10) is designed as a spindle-type lifting gear unit, as wedges with restricted guidance, as a cylinder with clamping head and position sensor, as an eccentric shaft, or as another type of mechanism for vertical positioning.